

## WAGES FAIL TO DROP WITH COST OF LIVING

At Last Year's Figures in Many Industries, Despite Fall in Foodstuffs.

## STABILIZATION NEEDED

Cuts Recorded in Steel, Iron and Building Industries, in the Country.

## RENTS AND FUEL HIGH

Clothing Still 117 P. C. and Furniture 122 P. C. Above Pre-War Prices.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., April 22.

The cost of living, which has fallen nearly 25 per cent. in New York and throughout the country in the last fifteen months, is declining much faster than wages, it is indicated in reports to the Department of Labor.

Twenty-four dollars a week is the average now being earned by workers in industrial plants. This is practically the same as a year ago despite wage reductions of 1921. The actual figures are taken to indicate that wage reductions have affected a much smaller

number of workers than was supposed.

The average weekly earning capacity is now approximately the same as a year ago for a majority of those employed in the following industries:

Manufacture of automobiles, cotton, hosiery and underwear, men's clothing, leather, boots and shoes, paper and cigars.

This report is based on returns from large numbers of plants in all sections of the country and cannot be taken to apply to the earnings of workers in any single locality or establishment.

The reports show a material reduction, however, in the average earnings of workers in the iron and steel industry, in the building and repair of cars and in the manufacture of silk. A year ago the average weekly earning capacity in these industries was \$22. The average is now \$21, or more in line with the earning capacity of workers in industry in general.

One of the basis of the returns to the Labor Department, the worker in New York now is able to buy for approximately 75 cents articles which a year ago cost him \$1. In general, the same increase in purchasing power has been gained throughout the entire country. In some localities, the degree of purchasing power shows a slightly greater increase. In others it is slightly smaller than in New York. Prices vary slightly, according to the locality and the extent of unemployment.

Whether the cost of living will continue to decline during the next few months is a matter of controversy among Government officials. Wholesale prices during the last few weeks have shown a material increase for the first time since the middle of 1920, but retail food prices are still going down. The same is true of the general cost of living, computed to include not only food, but the other principal necessities.

Experience shows that retail prices reflect changes in wholesale prices after a delay of from one to three months. In New York, it is emphasized, food at retail costs but 36 per cent. more than in 1914 in the proportions which it is purchased by the average family. Clothing shows an advance of 107 per cent. over 1914, while rent is 54 per cent., fuel and light 89 per cent. and furniture 122 per cent. higher than before the war.

Before prices can begin a steady climb upward the price level of principal ne-

cessities must be stabilized. Government officials hold. In other words, some groups of commodities must not be allowed to start upward from a point many degrees in advance of other necessities. This, it is held, is economic law that will work out automatically. It is this law, it is argued, which brought economic depression. Depression will therefore be made to disappear when the economic forces now pulling against each other are directed into a single channel. This is the argument of experts who believe price declines will continue.

## BANDITS SLAY POLICEMAN.

Wound Two in Battle Following St. Louis Payroll Holdup.

St. Louis, April 22.—One policeman was killed and two were wounded, one critically, by bandits who to-day held up the office of Morris & Co. here and escaped with a small amount of payroll money.

The policemen saw the bandits holding up the office and opened fire. The bandits returned the fire and made their escape after shooting the officers.

## 'LOVE SICK' BUTLER KEPT FROM SAILING

Probst's Attorney Says He Is Cured of Ailment and Has Good Job Here.

August Probst, alien seaman-butler, who said his love affairs at the Rolling Rock Club, near Pittsburgh, were the cause of his arrest and proposed deportation as an undesirable citizen, did not leave by the Olympic yesterday, as had been planned by immigration officials. Although adjudged mentally unsound by a board of inquiry and special examiners A. J. Hemming, Assistant Secretary of Labor, withheld his signature from the order for Probst's deportation to per-

mit Bernard H. Sandler, Probst's attorney, to make a further appeal.

Mr. Sandler said he will present the case once more to the authorities in Washington and believes the deportation order will not be carried out. Sandler said he would offer to put up a bond to insure his client against becoming a public charge. A manager of one of the largest hotels in this city has offered to employ Probst in an executive position, he said, and believes the youth is over his "temporary love sickness."

The youth has forgotten all about his interrupted love affair, according to Mr. Sandler, and is ready to settle down to work.

## CLERK SAYS RICH MAN STOLE HIS WIFE'S LOVE

Asks \$200,000 of Brandeis of New York and Omaha.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
OMAHA, April 22.—E. John Brandeis, Omaha's wealthiest young man, principal owner of the Brandeis stores here,

was sued to-day for \$200,000 for alienation of affection by Clarence Hall, book-keeper.

Hall charges that when he was called away to war his wife obtained employment in the Brandeis stores and later became secretary and stenographer to E. John Brandeis and in that capacity she has gone to New York with him and refuses to come back to Omaha.

Hall asserts that Brandeis showered silk stockings, silk pajamas and other gifts upon Mrs. Hall and that she kept a key to the cottage which she and Brandeis planned and built on top of the ten story Brandeis Building in the retail district of Omaha.

Mr. Brandeis is in New York, where he spends most of his time. Several years ago his wife, who was Miss Madeleine Francis of San Francisco, won a divorce and \$400,000 alimony.

POST OFFICE OFFICIAL QUILTS.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Kirk L. Russell, director of the Bureau of Information of the Post Office Department, has presented his resignation of Postmaster General Work, to take effect May 1, when he will become publicity director for Will Hays. Mr. Russell entered the postal service eighteen years ago.

## ROLLS-ROYCE

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The original of the above testimonial is on file at the Executive Office, Springfield. A photographic reproduction may be seen at our Salesroom by anyone interested.

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## Lambert Brothers Diamond Merchants



Jewelry Supreme This Summer  
IF Madame desires to be "in it" this Summer in the capitals of Europe or the fashionable hotels of America she will provide herself with handsome jewelry. She will go to Lambert Brothers' for the very latest jewelcraft.

An exquisite example of the recent output of the Lambert factory on the premises is pictured above. This pendant would attract admiring attention in any drawing room. It would mark the wearer anywhere as a woman of taste.

Third Avenue at Fifty-eighth Street

FIFTH AVENUE

## James McCreery & Co.

34TH STREET



## Wraps for Madame 75.00 52.50 and 38.00

At 75.00—Distinguished-looking Capes, Wraps and Coats, fashioned of deep-pile, velvety fabrics, such as Marvella, Gerona, Drapella and Poirer Twill or Canton Crepe.

At 52.50—An assemblage of Capes, Coats and Wraps—some are fashioned of soft-surfaced fabrics, notably Veldyne and Strelma. Others from Twill Cord or Canton Crepe, Silk lined throughout.

At 38.00—Despite their modest price the Wraps, Coats and Capes in this group boast of a high quality Tricotine, Pandura, Duvel de Laine or Twill Cord, and most beautiful linings. Particularly fetching are some Capes, finely accented plaited, topped with caracul Collars.

## Women's Gowns, 55.00

(Illustrated Above)

Shimmering silken laces are responsible for some models—Canton Crepe, Romain, Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine and Foulard for others. Then, too, there are captivating Caped Costumes of Krepe Knit and Poirer Twill.

Scintillating beads have been lavished upon some, embroidery upon others. Hand-drawn work imparts a genteel touch to those of simpler style. Black, Navy Blue, Gray, Beige, Rust, Copenhagen and White.

## Costume Suits or Tailleurs, 72.50

Quite gorgeous Costume Suits in three-piece or two-piece effects—also sleek, rich-looking Tailleurs; many of the three-piece models are topped with stunning loose Coats. The dresses beneath them are complete in themselves.

The two-piece models either take to strictly tailored trails or fall into soft lines, revealing rich embroidery or braid as adornment. Navy Blue or Black.

A Sale of High-Class Printzess Suits—39.50—Models identical to those which but a few weeks ago readily sold for from 55.00 to 69.50. All sizes.

(Fourth Floor)



## "Thisidu" is the Season's Newest and Smartest Sport Silk

This, with a host of other glorious silks for Summer outdoor, awaits the selection of the lover of dashing sport attire. New Silks for afternoon and evening gowns have also arrived, bringing glad tidings of new colors and weaves.

"Thisidu"—captivating for capes and other outer apparel. Many exquisite colors. 36 inches wide. yard, 4.95

Russian Crepe—a heavy, ripply weave, in a wide range of colors. Also White or Black. yard, 3.45

Bimini Prints and Printed Foulards, in a most beautiful assortment of styles and new color combinations. 40 inches wide. yard, 3.50

Heavy Tricolette Suiting, in street shades, also White or Black. 36 inches wide. yard, 1.75

Heavy Black Satin Crepe, with a high lustre, an exceedingly beautiful quality. 40 inches wide. yard, 2.65

Wash Satin, in White or Flesh, 36 inches wide. yard, 1.75

Crepe de Chine—an unusually good quality, in all the new street and evening shades, as well as White or Black. 40 inches wide. yard, 1.85

Georgette Crepe of a dependable quality, in a range of new street and evening colors, also White or Black. 40 inches wide. yard, 1.75

(Second Floor)

## A Sale! Boys' Wash Suits



Reduced for Clearance to

1.45 2.45

Every suit has been taken from our regular stock and reduced. In other words, you secure suits of splendid quality which are guaranteed to be fast color.

Very soon his winter suits will be too heavy and warm for him and he will plead for something light and comfy. Prepare for that very imminent day by buying now at a low clearance price.

Perhaps you prefer middies, or does he look best in an Oliver Twist or Junior Norfolk? Whichever it may be, there are plenty of them, in solid colors and attractive combinations. It is an opportune moment to buy a summer's supply. Sizes 3 to 10 years.

(Third Floor)

## Spring and Summer Footwear

7.75 8.75 9.75

A Footwear Event of particular importance is now in progress. Featuring new modes for late Spring and early Summer wear, including styles for dress, walking and sporting. Over thirty-eight different models.

All the footwear featured is of a markedly high character, being fashioned of highest quality materials—solid leather throughout.

(Second Floor)

For Monday and Tuesday Only

## Negligees

and Boudoir Coats

12.75

This price is several dollars below the regular price of these Negligees and Breakfast Coats. What an opportunity for the Spring bride-to-be! The Three Models Are:

Entrancing Negligee, soft Brocaded Satin with sleeves of matching Georgette. French Blue, Rose, Coral, Orchid, Turquoise and Black. 12.75

Crepe de Chine Negligee, as illustrated, with fringe and a corsage of hand-made flowers. French Blue, Coral, Rose, Turquoise, White, Black and Wistaria. 12.75

Boudoir Coats of soft Brocaded Satin embellished with shell ruching. French Blue, Rose, Orchid, Turquoise, Coral, Silver Gray, Black and Navy. 12.75

(Third Floor)

## Flint's Fine Furniture

DINING ROOM AND BEDROOM SUITES  
AT ABSURDLY LOW PRICES

A CLEARANCE OF SINGLE SUITES

AT REDUCTIONS OF

1/3 OFF TO 2/3 OFF ORIGINAL PRICES

Coming at a moment when Spring re-furnishing or the opening of new homes is planned, this Sale provides an opportunity rarely offered. The reductions are so extreme that comment seems unnecessary. The need of room for arriving goods has brought about this most unusual event.

As there are only 20 Dining Room Suites and 12 Bedroom Suites, early comers will get the best selection.

BEDROOM SUITES	
Formerly	NOW
Adam Mahogany 4-piece Suite, with full width bow-end bed	\$470.00 \$158.00
Colonial Motif Mahogany 4-piece Suite, with full-width bed	482.00 198.00
Colonial Mahogany or Walnut 6-piece Suite with twin beds	436.00 240.00
Same Suite 5-pieces (with full size bed)	365.00 198.00
"Trianon" Ivory Enamel and Blue Decorated 7-piece Suite (with full-width bed) hand made	871.00 580.00
Louis XVI. Ivory Enamel 4-piece Suite, glass tops on dresser and vanity table, with full width bed	1491.00 745.50
Same Suite with twin beds	1796.00 898.00
Windsor Ivory Enamel decorated Suite of 4 p.p.	708.00 198.00
Louis XVI. Ivory Enamel Suite, 8 pieces, with bow-end twin beds	1718.00 872.00
"Glascon" solid Walnut 8-piece Suite, with twin beds (hand made)	1210.00 764.00
Louis XVI. Walnut 5-piece Suite, twin beds, glass tops on dresser and vanity table	1094.00 729.00

DINING ROOM SUITES	
Formerly	NOW
"Wynne" Solid Oak hand made Suite	\$2250.00 \$1435.00
English Renaissance Solid Oak Suite, burl Walnut overlay	2372.00 1068.00
Italian Renaissance 9-piece Suite, finest Walnut Veneer, with Walnut overlay	1344.00 560.00
Charles II. selected Walnut and Rosewood Veneer Suite	2050.00 1177.00
Heppelwhite Walnut Veneer Suite (Solid Walnut table top)	696.00 245.00
Sheraton motif 8-piece Suite, Solid Walnut top, burl Walnut Veneered panels	570.00 190.00
"Cellini" Solid Walnut 9-piece Suite (hand made)	1000.00 595.00
"Ferranti" Solid Walnut Suite (hand made)	1220.00 758.00
"Walpole" Solid Oak 9-piece Suite (hand made)	850.00 537.00
"Mandeville" Solid Walnut and Inlay Suite (hand made)	1197.00 672.00
Heppelwhite Walnut Suite	790.00 395.00
Italian motif polychrome Walnut Suite	878.00 395.00
Louis XVI. Mahogany Suite	710.00 268.00
Heppelwhite Mahogany Suite	768.00 318.00
Queen Anne Mahogany Suite	874.00 329.00
Queen Anne Mahogany Suite	886.00 385.00
Queen Anne Mahogany Suite	590.00 279.00
Heppelwhite Mahogany Suite	580.00 267.00
Queen Anne Mahogany Suite	975.00 325.00

18TH CENTURY MAHOGANY DINING ROOM SUITE—10 PIECES (as illustrated)  
66 inch sideboard, server, china closet, 54 inch dining table ex-Formerly \$636.00  
tending to 8 feet; 5 side and 1 host chairs; seats covered with dark blue haircloth. NOW \$318.

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